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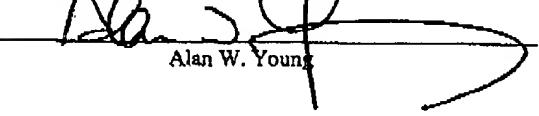
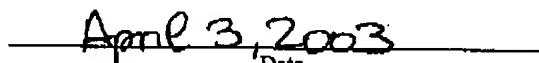
GROUP 3600

In re application of: PURI et al.  
Serial Number: 09/235,120  
Filing Date: January 21, 1999  
Title: Methods and Systems Enabling the Identification of Actual Costs in a Transaction Based Financial and Manufacturing Environment

Art Unit No.: 3624  
Examiner: Bashore, A.  
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated November 4, 2002 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) A computer implemented actual costing method for collecting and presenting an actual cost of performing a business activity of manufacturing an item or performing a service, comprising the steps of:

collecting actual costs of performing a job, manufacturing an item and/or purchasing an item in carrying out the business activity,

creating a unique cost source identifier for each collected actual cost and storing the collected actual cost therein;